

## Message Text

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FM AMEMBASSY LAGOS  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC NIACT IMMEDIATE 8517  
INFO USMISSION USUN NEW YORK PRIORITY  
AMEMBASSY KINSHASA

C O N F I D E N T I A L LAGOS 6280

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PINS, MOPS, PORG, NI  
SUBJECT: SHABA INVASION -- INFORMAL CONSULTATION WITH SELECTED  
AFRICAN GOVERNMENTS

REF: (A) STATE 125192, (B) STATE 127228, (C) STATE 126987

1. MORNING OF MAY 19 DCM DISCUSSED US CONCERNS REGARDING  
THE SHABA INVASION WITH VICTOR TAYLOR, DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF  
MEA'S AFRICA DEPARTMENT. DCM UTILIZED THE TALKING POINTS  
CONTAINED IN REFTEL A BUT ALSO MENTIONED THE PRESIDENT'S  
DECISION REGARDING THE PROVISIONS OF ASSISTANCE TO ZAIRE  
(REFTEL B) AND THE US DECISION TO SUPPORT A  
BELGIAN AIR RESCUE OPERATION (REFTEL C).

2. TAYLOR REPLIED THAT THE FMG IS STILL CONSIDERING  
WHAT ATTITUDE TO ADOP REGARDING THE SHABA INVASION  
AND THAT HE WOULD PASS ALONG TO HIGHER AUTHORITY THE  
INFORMATION PROVIDED BY THE DCM.

3. THE DCM EMPHASIZED THAT THE USG WAS MOST INTERESTED  
IN ASCERTAINING THE VIEWS OF THE FMG REGARDING THE  
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SHABA INVASION AND REQUESTED THAT THE EMBASSY BE INFORMED  
AS SOON AS THE FMG WAS PREPARED TO STATE ITS VIEWS.  
TAYLOR COMMENTED THAT THE USG HAD OBVIOUSLY TAKEN  
IMPORTANT DECISIONS ALREADY REGARDING THE PROVISION  
OF ASSISTANCE AND SUPPORT OF AN AIR RESCUE OPERATION,  
BUT THAT THE FMG WOULD CONTACT THE EMBASSY AS SOON AS  
POSSIBLE REGARDING ITS VIEWS.

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